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Dear Sir:

Please rewrite the claims to read as follows:

6. (Amended) An apparatus comprising:  
an interface adapted to:

receive a request from a computer system for identification of the apparatus, and  
furnish a hash value that identifies the apparatus to the computer system; and  
a processor coupled to the interface and adapted to:

encrypt an identifier that identifies the apparatus with a key associated  
with the computer system to produce the hash value.

7. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the identifier comprises a processor  
number that identifies the processor.

8. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the processor comprises:  
a memory adapted to store microcode for performing the encryption; and  
a control unit coupled to the memory and adapted to execute the microcode to perform  
the encryption.

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